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HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, AND ALKALINE STORAGE

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)): **BATTERY EQUIPPED WITH THE HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE**
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
P. 2000-248470	Japan	18/August/2000
P. 2000-288556	Japan	22/September/2000
P. 2001-024151	Japan	31/January/2001

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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